(c) and (d) In addition to Phase I, II and VI of NHDP, Government has also approved the following new components under NHDP:—

. (i) Upgradation/4-laning of 4035 km of National Highways under NHDP Phase IIIA at a cost of Rs. 22,207 crore on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis and preparation of detailed project report for another 7,078 km under NHDP Phase-IIIB.

(ii) Six laning of 6,500 km of National Highways comprising 5700 km of Golden Quadrilateral and balance 800 km of other sections of National Highways under NHDP Phase-V at a cost of Rs. 41,210 crore on BOT (Toll) mode.

Construction of NHs in Chhattisgarh

†1761. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new Highways under construction at present in Chhattisgarh;

(b) when those roads would be given the status of National Highways;

(c) the amount allocated and spent annually on the various construction works of these Highways during the last three years; and

(d) the details of the allocation, expenditure and payments made to the contractors and the works undertaken by them for the construction of NH-78?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA): (a) and (b) This Ministry is responsible for development and maintenance of National Highways. There are two newly declared National Highways in Chhattisgarh viz. (i) NH-221 starting from its junction of NH-16 near Jagdalpur, connecting Darba-Kukanar-Sukma-Konta-Andhra Pradesh border in Chhattisgarh and extending up to its junction at NH-9 near Vijaywada in Andhra Pradesh and (ii) NH-111 starting from Bilaspur to Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh via Katghora. NH-111 has however, not yet been transferred to National Highway Wing, in view of ongoing BOT project awarded by State between Bilaspur

†Original notice of the Question was received in Hindi.

and Katghora. At present, emphasis is given for development of existing National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways.

(c) and (d) The allocation of fund to State Government is made for the State as a whole. The funds allocated to the Government of Chhattisgarh for original works during the last three years and expenditure there on are as under:

Year	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
Allocation	46.00	36.26	51.56
Expenditure	42.39	34.89	49.34

An expenditure of Rs. 33.74 lakhs has been incurred exclusively for new National Highway No. 221 in the year 2005-06.

The details of payment made to contractors and the works carried out by them in respect of construction on National Highway No. 78 in Chhattisgarh State are indicated below:

(Rs. in lakhs)

Name of work	2003-04	2004-05	2005-06	Total
Widening to two lane	94.29	0.00	459.06	553.35
Improvement of riding quality	112.36	941.09	1230.62	2284.07
Bridges	0.00	0.00	19.93	19.93
Others	0.00	0.00	29.76	29.76
TOTAL	206.65	941.09	1739.37	2887.11

Assignments to overseas Experts in Private Ports

1762. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Wil! the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether security agencies have expressed concern over the engagement of overseas experts on some assignments in private ports; and